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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT FOR COMMERCE/MEPD EARLY WARNING GUINEA
ROADS PROJECT.

1. GOVERNMENT OF GUINEA HAS RECEIVED GRANT FROM GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT FOR SURVEY AND DESIGN 300 KILOMETER PAVED ROAD FROM CONAKRY TO BOKE. CONTRACT FOR SURVEY, DESIGN, AND PREPARATION PROJECT PROPOSAL WON BY LOUIS BERGER INTERNATIONAL, 100 HALSTEAD STREET, EAST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY 07019. BERGER TEAM IN PLACE AND ROAD SURVEY WORK UNDERWAY. DATE FOR COMPLETION OF PROJECT PROPOSAL OCTOBER 1, 1976.

2. IF PROJECT CAN BE SHOWN TO BE SUFFICIENTLY JUSTIFIED ON ECONOMIC BASIS GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT WILL LOAN GUINEA USD 35 MILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PAVED HIGHWAY LINKING CONAKRY WITH REGION OF BOKE. MAJOR BAUXITE OPERATIONS ARE LOCATED NEAR BOKE INCLUDING CBG AND PROPOSED AYEKOYE PROJECT IN WHICH KUWAITIS HAVE INTEREST.

3. PROPOSED ROAD WOULD INTERSECT WITH BOKE-KAMSAR PAVED ROAD BUILT WITH IBRD/USAID FUNDS. BERGER REPS INITIAL VIEW IS THAT HILY COST OF ROAD MAY MAKE ECONOMIC JUSTIFICATION DIFFICULT. ROAD IS CURRENTLY LITTLE MORE THAN A PATH THROUGH BUSH AND WOULD
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ENTAIL CONSTRUCTION OF SEVERAL LARLN BRIDGES. HOWEVER, ROAD WOULD

OPEN UP LARGE SECTION OF THE COUNTRY TO DEVELOPMENT AND TIE THE
NOW ISOLATED INDUSTRIAL REGION OF BOKE TO THE REST OF THE
COUNTRY.

4. WILL FURTHER ADVISE ON SUBMISSION BERGER PROPOSAL.
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